

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08017 COILED BASKETRY, USING ROPE AND STRING – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: MARY CRABB

Date: 1 DAY WEDNESDAY 18 JULY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

On this taster day, learn the basic techniques of coiled basketry. Coiled baskets are formed with the use of a core and a sewing material. The stitches can be varied and incorporate wraps. Variations in stitch and material can add texture and pattern to the surface, with the addition of a colour the two can combine with great effect.

Skills taught will include beginning, wrapping, simple stitching, joining of threads and finishing. You will be working with a range of colourful threads and yarns around a rope or string core to create a patterned coiled piece. By experimenting with the laying of the core you will be able to dictate the form your work takes.

Coiling is a slow process, so you should expect to make a small sample. This could take the form of a small vessel or could be more free form. Mary will demonstrate techniques, provide visual notes and offer individual support to enable you to create your own unique piece of coiled basketry.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Originally learning traditional willow basketry techniques Mary attended a textile basketry course at West Dean College, which led her to develop her own style of contemporary basketry. Working with fine flexible materials using adapted basketry techniques Mary is intrigued by the connections between basketry and textiles. In 2009 she won an international award for Artistic and Designer Basketry, is a Yeoman member of The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers and a member of The Basketmakers' Association.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Any examples/images of coiled structures would be useful.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm, for any materials you need to purchase from the shop.

Materials included in the course fee:

The course fee includes the cost of providing materials shared amongst the group.

Available from the Shop:

A selection of needles

Office string and upholstery twine

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

A notebook or sketchbook for recording any additional information

A camera may also be useful for recording

Reading glasses are advisable if you need them for close up work

Please wear covered shoes in the workshop

The tutor will provide all the tools and materials required for the workshop, however you are welcome to bring any of the following and if suitable they could be used in your work:

Thread, wools, string, rope and cords, in a selection of colours and textures

Scissors, a pair suitable for cutting string or rope, and a finer pair for threads

Large eyed needles, metal and plastic

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.